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cases on this...in this transitional area. So I think TERC has an area there that they have been doing satisfactorily, in my opinion, but there needs to be recognition of legal principles also. Hopefully, this will be a reasonable compromise at this point. I will support it, but I will be...I'll let you know also with the future TERC decisions. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bromm, on the amendment to the committee amendment to LB 465.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. When we were on this bill before, we had...we had good discussion and I think, at least on my part, I was somewhat puzzled about what to do. I appreciate this amendment that Senator Wickersham and Senator Kristensen and Senator Wehrbein have agreed to. I think under the circumstances it's probably a good compromise. It will add another member to broaden the base of experience and knowledge on this commission. It will provide a little bit more opportunity for a little bit more legal...legal leadership on the commission. And I...and I want to say this in all sincerity to the TERC commission. I think we have given them a task that is very difficult by expecting them to be an informal tribunal that allows John Q. Citizen to come in without spending money for a lawyer if he or she doesn't want to, or doesn't feel enough money is in controversy, providing a place for them to come with their dissatisfaction, which I am very much in favor of. But at the same time, we expect this commission to make complex decisions that have a constitutional overtone. They have a great impact financially throughout the state in our whole property tax structure so we have asked them to do an awful lot with a three-person commission, one of which is an attorney, two of which are not. So as a compromise, I certainly support this proposal and hope that we can try this, continue to review the work of the commission, and see how it goes the next few years with this change in place. So with that, I just want to say I support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the